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# Rick Steves' Spanish Phrase Book & Dictionary





### Synopsis

From ordering tapas in Madrid to making new friends in Costa del Sol, it helps to speak some of the native tongue. Rick Steves, bestselling author of travel guides to Europe, offers well-tested phrases and key words to cover every situation a traveler is likely to encounter. This handy guide provides key phrases for use in everyday circumstances, complete with phonetic spelling, an English-Spanish and Spanish-English dictionary, the latest information on European currency and rail transportation, and even a tear-out cheat sheet for continued language practice as you wait in line at the Guggenheim Bilbao. Informative, concise, and practical, Rick Steves' Spanish Phrase Book and Dictionary is an essential item for any traveler's mochila.

#### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

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Rick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and an app and podcast (Rick Steves Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe

annually; and offers an information-packed website (RickSteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 80 at Europe Through the Back Door—in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle—Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans.

Like all Rick Steves books, this is well organized and convenient. I am in Spain now and using it consistently. I studied Spanish grammar elsewhere but this book helps me at a glance say some things I have not had to communicate before. If you are traveling, this is what you need. My only advice is to be sure to listen to some spoken Spanish in advance of your travels as it will help you a lot with pronunciation (sometimes the phonetic translations of the phrases are not as good as hearing the way the basic words are pronounced). Overall, for travel, this is the best one of the three eng/span phrase books I have! Oh, this book also includes some hints on culture and context which I have found to be spot on.

Rick Steves always provides the best travel advice. This book exceeded my expectations. It is nice how it is divided out by sections such as "Dining" etc. It isn't just a dictionary you have to flip through and look up each word separately.

Not a comprehensive guide, but good for areas with unreliable internet access -when access to Google Translate and other apps is unavailable.

I like everything Rick Steves does, and found the phase books very helpful. His approach, attitude and philosophy, in my opinion, is RTIGHT ON! My chief regret us that I didn't spend enough time with his materials before I left on my trip to France and Spain. Beware, however, that even Rick can be WRONG. Feeding the fish is the moat at Villandry is now strictly VERBOTEN!

This is a quick reference. I like how it is decided into different sections such as eating, sleeping, shopping and simple phrases. The dictionary section is quicker than using the translator on your smart phone. It is small in size making it easy to carry with you.

This book was very simple and helpful for our vacation to Chile-- however, they spoke so quickly and often cut off the "s" at the end it was quite challenging to understand their response!

This books exceeds my expectations. I'm learning the Spanish language using this book as a tutorial.

I bought this book specifically for a trip to Spain based on the reviews and it did not come in handy at all! My Spanish is very basic and I still knew more than what this book contained. There were a variety of phrases (of which only a handful looked useful) but they were grouped in categories that made it weird to find quickly. The size of the book makes it very convenient for travel, but I could not find a lot of common nouns and verbs I needed to order or ask questions so it just became extra weight to carry around. If you know at least elementary spanish, I recommend to skip this book and just get a small dictionary. It will come in much more useful and be cheaper than this book.

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